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### **NORTH METRO NAMES NEXT FIRE CHIEF**

**Northglenn/Broomfield, CO**—Joseph A. Bruce has been appointed the new Fire Chief at North Metro Fire Rescue effective Wednesday, July 1, 2009. The Fire District Board of Directors unanimously selected Joseph Bruce to replace retiring Fire Chief John J. O’Hayre. Joseph Bruce was serving as the Deputy Chief at North Metro Fire Rescue District.

Fire Chief Bruce began his career with North Metro in September of 2001 as the Division Chief of Training. In July 2003, he was appointed to the position of Division Chief of Operations, in which he oversaw the daily operations of the Fire District including, fire suppression, special rescue operations, and emergency medical service activities. Then in June 2008, after a national search consisting of 52 applicants from across the country, he was promoted to the Deputy Chief position.

The role of the Fire Chief is to lead and manage the Fire Districts’ on-going business affairs and operations. “We are confident that Joseph Bruce provides the required knowledge and experience to successfully lead the Fire District through the next decade,” said Robert Kammerzell, President of the North Metro Fire District Board of

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Directors. “Fire Chief Bruce recognizes the challenges and opportunities that lay on the horizon in providing quality emergency services to our citizens and the Board looks forward to working with him.”

Fire Chief Bruce was raised with deep commitment to the fire service. As a third generation fire fighter, he has followed in his grandfather and father’s footsteps. His grandfather, Charles Bruce had a 50 year career at as a volunteer fire fighter in Jamestown, Pennsylvania. His father, Joseph Bruce, also completed 50 years of service as a volunteer for Jamestown as well as serving as Chief of a career department in neighboring, Greenville, Pennsylvania.

Prior to his employment at North Metro Fire Rescue District, Fire Chief Bruce served as the Adams/Jefferson County Hazardous Response Team Coordinator for seven years. In addition, he has served as the Fire Chief for two rural Colorado fire departments and held roles of Battalion Chief, Fire Inspector, and Fire Marshall over his 32 year fire service career. His career began in the United States Air Force, serving four years as a Fire Protection Specialist.

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**About North Metro Fire Rescue District**

North Metro Fire Rescue is dedicated to your quality care. North Metro Fire Rescue provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and rescue services to our community. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 63 square miles with a population of approximately 103,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams and Jefferson Counties.